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COVER PICTURE

WASHINGTON IN PRAYER

Valley Forge and that terrible winter of waiting, with his suffering men scantily armed, ill-fed, ill-clothed, was a testing ground for this great general. All his successes he had won in bitter conflict had now been lost, for the British had taken Philadelphia. To add to his tremendous burden was the unsympathic populace and the coldness of Congress; thus the father of our country earnestly sought God in prayer. "Washington, after an unsuccessful effort to repeat his stroke at Trenton against the British troops, posted at Germantown, had to take up winter quarters at Valley Forge. His army, twice-beaten, ill-housed, and ill-fed, with thousands of men 'barefoot and otherwise naked,' was at the point of exhaustion; it could not keep the field, for inside of a month it would have disappeared. Under these circumstances, there is nothing which better proves the true fibre of Washington's character and the courage of his soul than the unyielding persistence with which he held his strong position at Valley Forge through a winter of semi-starvation, of justified grumbling by his men, of harsh public criticism, and of captious meddling by a Congress too weak to help him."—Encyclopedia Britannica.

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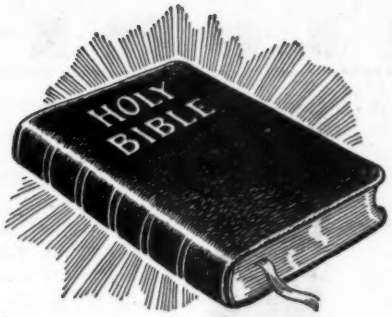
Faith

By Lassie Manley



If there is any message that is needed above all others in this chaotic world of today, it is the message of faith. FAITH IN GOD!

What is the foundation of the Christian religion? FAITH. Remove faith and the whole structure would topple to the ground. It is by faith we accept the Bible as the holy inspired Word of God.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," Heb. 11:1.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." By faith Enoch was translated. By faith Noah built the ark and thereby he and his house were saved. By faith Abraham journeyed into a strange country where God had promised him an inheritance; so also Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise, "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." By faith Moses chose to suffer affliction with the people of God, rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, "for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. Through faith women received their dead raised to life again. By faith the early saints died as martyrs, were burned at the stake, crucified, sometimes had their limbs torn off by wild horses because they would not deny their Saviour and God. By faith I mean the hope, the trust, you feel in God when you have turned the keys of your heart over to Him; the faith that gives you peace, contentment; the faith that removes the sting of death and gives victory over the grave; the kind of faith that causes you to go singing on your way, thinking it is good to be alive, although you may not have a dime in your pocket; the kind of faith that will make a man give the last dollar he has in the world to someone less fortunate; even the simple faith that will let you get in the old "jalopy" and set out for the house of worship fifteen miles away, although there is a hole in the tire and the inner tube is sticking through; the kind of faith that caused you to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, as the only begotten Son of God; the kind of faith that led you to believe His promise of the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, blessed Holy Spirit of God, and to tarry for Him to come into your heart to stay; the kind of faith that lets that Holy Spirit be your Teacher and Guide, for Jesus said He would teach you all things, and remind you also of those things that He (Jesus) had taught, John 14:26; that glorious, fearless faith that causes you to laugh deep inside yourself, when some "wiseacre" says, "You can't prove it," meaning the Bible. Maybe you can't prove it to him, because he "is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." But in us "the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth."

Remember, "the worlds were framed by the word of God." Jesus Christ is that Word. John 1. Maybe the scientist can't prove his theory, but the Spirit-filled child of God has the proof within his heart. Faith! The thing that will lead a man to ask God to mend a broken bone, heal a cancer, tuberculosis, or maybe just an abscessed tooth; the kind of faith that will cause men to ask God for the "impossible," knowing that the impossible is God's speciality; the kind of faith that will cause us to confess that we are only strangers and pilgrims on this earth, and say plainly that we are seeking a country, that we are not at all mindful of this country we are passing through, for "while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal," "we walk by faith and not by sight."

Dear faithful Brother Paul said, Love "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; . . . whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part (only in part, notice), and we prophesy in part. But WHEN THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME, THEN THAT WHICH IS IN PART SHALL BE DONE AWAY. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We are now prepared to mail Sunday School literature the first of the month preceding the opening of the following quarter. Therefore, we shall appreciate your orders for literature between February 15 and March 1, so that orders can be filled in time for your literature to reach you for the beginning of the quarter. Please order at once. Send cash with the order if at all possible, as this will save us much time and trouble in bookkeeping. Don't ask us to duplicate a previous order, as it is a burden on the bookkeeping department to have to hunt up a back order. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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E. C. CLARK, Business Manager.

EDITORIALS...

QUOTATIONS FROM WASHINGTON

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to a political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

"I am certainly near the end, and I look forward to the hour of dissolution with perfect resignation."

"Can it be that Providence has not connected the permanent felicity of a nation with its virtue?"

"It is impossible to govern the world without God. He must be worse than an infidel that has not gratitude to acknowledge his obligation."

"We can have but little hope of the blessing of God if we insult Him by our blasphemies."

"Let us rely upon the goodness of the cause and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hand victory is, to animate and encourage us to noble actions."

"All would have been lost but for that bountiful Providence which has never failed us in the hour of distress."

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

"Honor and obey your parents, whatever may be their condition."

"Well has it been said, that if there had been no God, mankind would have been obliged to imagine one."

"The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained."

"Religion is as necessary to reason as reason is to religion; the one cannot exist without the other."

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

"Without integrity the finest talent can never gain the respect of the truly valuable part of mankind."

"The love of my company will be the ruling influence of my conduct. Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth."

"Knowledge is, in every country, the surest basis of public happiness."—Selected.

OUR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

It is indeed significant to notice that our youth movements have sprung up just in recent years. There have been, since Adam and Eve's sons and daughters, young people, but Christian youth organizations have just come into being during our lifetime.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 2, 1881. Only nineteen years before I discovered America, to be exact, in the year 1881, Feb. 2, the *Christian Endeavor*, a religious society, was organized in the Williston Congregational Church of Portland, Maine, by Frances E. Clark. Its purpose is distinctly religious, and the full privileges of membership are extended to any society that belongs to an Evangelical church and adopts the name and pledge of the organization. This included the youth and everyone who would take the pledge. The pledge includes an agreement to be a regular attendant at the weekly prayer meeting, which is conducted by each local society. In 1926, the organization had extended into sixty countries, sponsored by more than eighty religious denominations, and the membership then had reached over 3,500,000.

EPWORTH LEAGUE, ORGANIZED MAY 15, 1889. Then only eleven years before my birth year, the beginning of this century (1900), the Epworth League, a society of the young people, was founded May 15, 1889. This society was organized for the purpose of promoting Christian living according to the standards of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The motto: "Look Up, Lift Up." The local branches are known as chapters. The League was extended to the M. E. Church, South, and the Methodist Church of Canada. In 1926, they had a membership of over two million.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION, ORGANIZED 1891. Two years later, or only nine years before 1900, the B.Y.P.U., a religious organization in which are united many of the young people's societies that are connected with the Baptist Churches of America and Canada, was organized.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, FEBRUARY 6, 1910. Boy Scouts was first organized in England, by Lieut. General S. S. Baden Powell. It is not a religious organization, but has as its objective the mental, moral and physical training of its members so that they may become good citizens and live up to their motto: "Be Prepared." It is composed chiefly of boys from twelve to eighteen, and the boys must promise, "On my honor I will do by best to do my duty to God and my country." The Boy Scouts of America has the distinction of being one of the six societies authorized by Congress. This was done in June, 1916. But notice, this movement to encourage the youth was begun only a few years ago—1910.

OUR OWN YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Young People's Endeavor (Y.P.E.) had its beginning about a score of years ago in our local churches, spreading to state-wide proportions in the North (Michigan) and in the South (Florida) until, at the General Assembly 1928, the North and the South united and the national Young People's Endeavor was organized.

MICHIGAN

It was my privilege to address the Young Harvesters' Club in Detroit in 1927. At that time they had an enthusiastic group of young workers (incidentally this was the time Bishop S. W. Latimer, pastor of the North Cleveland Church, was the evangelist during the revival there, and I was the singing assistant). I was very favorably impressed with these young people and with the constitution and bylaws which they had on a large placard beautifully drawn by a local artist and a member of their club. They had great aspirations that the Young Harvesters' Club would become a national movement.

I quote from Rev. M. P. Cross' article entitled "History of Our Youth Movement," as it appeared in the Illinois State News, February, 1947:

"In the years of 1927 and 1928, in the State of Michigan, we began to see the need of more than independent local bands of young people, and by the end of 1927 we had a pretty good state-wide movement in the few churches in Michigan where I was serving as overseer

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BIBLE GLINTS *and* *Late Events*

• BY THE EDITOR •

ANNOUNCING

SOUTHWESTERN YOUTH CONGRESS, Fort Worth, Texas, March 24, 25, 26. Southwestern states include: Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico.

SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH CONGRESS, Macon, Georgia, City Auditorium, April 1, 2, 3. Southeastern states include: North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida.

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at that time. Our constitution and bylaws were made up and a beautiful drawing of a shock of wheat helped to represent the Young Harvesters' Club. Brother John Zaukelies and Brother Houston R. Morehead, present overseer of Michigan, only a lay member at the time, are due much credit for taking the lead in organizing and teaching in these clubs, as well as making the drawings for our charter. In the fall of 1928, before starting to the 24th Annual Assembly, Brother Houston Morehead and I, with the help of some of the other young people, spent many hours planning and praying about and preparing a resolution for me to present to the Council at the Assembly, and when we left for the Assembly a number of young people were left behind who were praying for the success of our plans.

"I found that the State of Florida had a state organization similar to ours, which, because of Florida being one of our stronger states, was much larger than the one in Michigan, and that there were many local efforts being put forth in other states."

FLORIDA

In 1928, Rev. R. P. Johnson, state overseer of Florida, appointed a constitution committee to draft a state young people's organization. The committee, consisting of pastors U. D. Tidwell, Fort Myers, chairman; H. L. Chesser, of Coconut Grove; and F. M. Waldron, of Largo, met in Fort Myers, and later that same year at the state convention at Orlando, Florida, and there the state adopted a constitution and bylaws and named the organization the "Church of God Young People's Endeavor."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1928

This is the General Assembly at which time our late Brother F. J. Lee, General Overseer, slipped away to be with Jesus; when our youth organization came into being and assumed their part of this great ministry. "A committee was appointed to work out the details of the plan. Brothers E. C. Clark, H. L. Chesser, and I (I believe there were two others) were on this committee. Brother Clark asked to be excused because of other duties, so Brother Houston R. Morehead, who had been licensed as an evangelist by this time, was appointed to serve in his stead. This committee agreed to accept the name used in Florida, 'Church of God Young People's Endeavor,' as the name of the international organization. (I still have a warm spot in my heart for our Young Harvesters' Club.) Thus, the great youth movement in the Church of God began to spring up."—*Illinois State News.*

Immediately following the 1928 Assembly, all the states, through their respective state overseers acting as state directors, began to extend the Y.P.E. into all the local churches, and for years the work has continued to grow.

In 1945, a national youth committee, consisting of E. L. Simmons, R. R. Walker, Ralph Williams, Robert Johnson, and Paul Stallings, was appointed for the purpose of revitalizing the youth movement. In 1946, a splendid congress was held prior to, and in connection with our last General Assembly in Birmingham. Here many phases of the youth department were studied by the various work-study groups, which resulted in definite objectives and plans being outlined for greater expansion of our youth movement. Rev. Ralph Williams was selected as National Youth Director, who has given full-time service since the Assembly. The National Youth Committee—Ralph Williams, Paul Stallings, Brady Dennis, Robert Johnson, and E. T. Stacy—have had two meetings with state youth directors and have scheduled four special regional meetings. The first, the Southwestern District, is to be held at Fort Worth, Texas, March 24, 25, 26; the second, the Southeastern District, at Macon, Georgia, April 1, 2, 3; the third, the Northeastern District, at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 8, 9, 10; the fourth, the Northwestern District, at Lemmon, South Dakota, May 7, 8, 9. These meetings are for promotional purposes. As you no doubt know, the youth organization is sponsoring the standardization of our Sunday Schools, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, local church libraries, and teacher-training courses, and encouraging the organizing of Boy Scouts. At the present they are engaged in a subscription campaign to increase the circulation of the *Evangel* and *Lighted Pathway*. Already the *Workers' Bulletin* has reached a good circulation and is still climbing. These young people really have a great program.

Beginning with the March issue, the youth will have seven pages of the *Lighted Pathway*, especially used in the promotion of the youth movement. Frankly, these young men "see visions" (have vision) while, shall I say, some of us older men "dream dreams"—you remember the Bible said it would be that way.

Although it is only in these recent years that the youth of our world have been especially recognized by the various churches, they have in this short time made most outstanding progress, so that now they merit our best consideration, counsel and cooperation. May God bless them and us every one, to do the greatest piece of work possible during these last and closing days.

Fulfillment of the Gentile Period

By REV. DOLAND VERRICO, Pastor, West Durham, North Carolina

Sermonette preached on the "Church of God Holiness Hour" over WTIK Sunday, January 11, 1948.

REV. ROLAND VERRICO

Romans 11:25, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the FULNESS OF THE GENTILES BE COME IN."

Is the fulness of the Gentiles about to come in? I have been wondering, in the light of current events, if it is not so. At least, we have some food for thought here.

Recently, the United Nations voted for the partitioning of Palestine. This will mean that in the near future the Jews will be able to enter into Palestine (at least part of it) to make it their home again, after so many hundreds, yea thousands, of years since they lost Palestine as their nation and soil. Nevertheless, the Bible has plainly stated that in the last days the Jews shall return to their homeland, as in Deuteronomy 30:3, 5 (it would be good for you to read the whole chapter for further study on the subject), "That then the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above the fathers."

Isaiah 11:11 (read Isaiah 11:10-16), "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea."

Jeremiah 23:3, "And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase."

Other scriptures on the return of the Jews to their homeland are Jer. 16:15; Zeph. 3:20; Zech. 10:10.

Then we have a lecture by the great apostle Paul to the Gentiles as written in Romans. He tells us about the Jews being natural branches of the olive tree, but because of their disobedience they had been cut off and we Gentiles, the wild olive tree, were grafted into the true olive tree; however, Paul informs us that they again, the second time, will be grafted into their own olive tree. Let us read some of Paul's lecture that concerns us today Rom. 11:17, 18, "And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches (the Jews)." The 20th verse says, "Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear." Verse 21, "For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee." And now the 24th and 25th verses, "For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; THAT BLINDNESS IN PART IS HAPPENED TO ISRAEL, *UNTIL* THE FULNESS OF THE GENTILES BE COME IN."

Notice, the Jews will not get to return to the fold of God UNTIL the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Therefore, it behooves us to be ready for the end of this period of time, because of the recent decision of the United Nations. The unsaved Gentiles need to fear the results, while the Gentiles that have been grafted into the true olive tree (that is, have accepted Jesus Christ into their lives, He being part of them and He in them) need not fear the fulness of our time coming, because it means the rapture will take place in our behalf. Yes, the Gentiles who have come into the fold of God will be taken out of the way when Jesus comes in the clouds of glory, to be ever with the Lord, that God may deal directly with His people the Jews, while we are in heaven with His Son, Jesus. After the great and terrible tribulation, the remnant of the Jews will be saved and we who will have been raptured will be united, ever to be God's chosen people.

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MISSOURI

Leadwood Church of God, over Station KFMO, 1240 Kc., each Sunday, 2-3 p. m. Chas. W. Conn, pastor.

"Word of God," Cantwell, over Farmington Station, 1350 Kc., each Sunday, 3-3:30 p. m. Geo. L. Britt, pastor.

MONTANA

Lewistown, over Station KXLO, 1230 Kc., 1:30-2 p.m. M. L. Lowe, pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wilmington, over Station WMFD, each Sunday, 8:00 a. m. 1400 Kc. P. H. McCarn, pastor.

Bladenboro No. 1 Church of God, over Station WTSB, Lumberton, N. C., from 9 to 9:30 a. m., 1340 Kc. Frank Petrucelli, pastor.

"Church of God Hour" over Station WGNC, Gastonia, each Saturday from 1:00-1:30 p. m. Rev. Floyd Timmerman in charge.

Roanoke Rapids, over WCBT, each Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Floyd A. Boger, pastor.

Winston-Salem, over Station WAIR, 1340 Kc., each Wednesday at 6:30 a. m. Roland Virrico, pastor.

Rocky Mount, over Station WEED, each Sunday morning 8:30 to 9:00, 1250 Kc. on the dial. G. F. Carter, pastor.

Church of God, Sanford, over Station WWGP, 1050 Kc., 1000 watts, each Sunday, 8 a. m. H. B. Turlington, Jr.

"Church of God Hour," Draper, over Station WLOE, 1490 on your dial, each Sunday, 8-8:30 a.m. J. H. Daniels, pastor.

Church of God, Mooresville, over Station WEGO, Concord, 1410 on your dial, each Sunday, 8:30-9 a.m. G. E. Weatherby, pastor.

Lexington, over Station WBUY, each Sunday, 2:30-3 p.m. W. O. Lambert, pastor.

"Henderson Church of God Hour," Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.; Sundays, 8:30 a.m. R. E. Conner, pastor.

"Full-Gospel Radio Service," each Sunday morning at 8:15, over Station WGBG, Greensboro, N. C. 980 on your dial. 1,000 watts. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Wadesboro, over Station WADE, 1210 on the dial, each Saturday, 7:30-8 a.m. R. F. Collier, pastor.

"Radio Revival Time." Thomasville, over Station WTNC, 790 on your dial, each Sunday, 7:30 a.m. T. W. Day, pastor.

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismark, over Station KGCU, Mandan, N. Dak., each Sunday morning, 9-9:30, CST, 1270 Kc. Ralph Brostrom, pastor.

Minot, over Station KLPM, each Sunday 5-5:30 p. m., CST. Oscar Backman, pastor.

OHIO

Canton, Sunday through Friday, 8:45-9 a.m., Station WCMW, 1060 Kc. Rev G. W. Hodges, pastor.

Akron, each Sunday morning, 7-7:30 Station WAKR, 5000 watts, 1590 on your dial. Rev. R. C. Cook, pastor.

Findlay, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9, Station WFIN, 1330 on your dial. Rev. Jesse F. Lavender, pastor.

Hamilton, each Sunday afternoon, 2-2:30 Station WMOH, 1450 on your dial. Rev. S. G. Brock, pastor.

West Hamilton, each Sunday afternoon, 1:30-1:45, Station WMOH, 1450 on your dial. Rev. J. W. Maness, pastor.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Langley church, over WGAC, Augusta, Ga., 1300 Kc., each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Carl Cox, pastor.

Columbia church, over Station WCOS, 1400 Kc., each Sunday 8:30-9:00 a.m. E. M. Mortenson, pastor.

Dillon, over Station WDSC, 800 on your dial, each Sunday morning from 9 to 9:30; also each first Sunday from 11 a. m. to 12 noon. W. R. Craven, pastor.

Anderson, "Church of God Hour," over Station WAIM, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30-6:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:55-7:25 a. m. 1230 Kc. B. E. Ellis, pastor.

North Greenville, over Station WMRC, Sunday morning, 7:00-7:30. 1490 Kc. Presented by the young people. W. L. Edgar, pastor.

Greenville No. 1, "The Church of God Hour," over station WARC, 1490 Kc., 11:00 p. m.-12:00 midnight, each Saturday; 8:00-8:30 a. m. each Sunday. Earl P. Paulk, pastor.

Greenwood, "Radio Gospel Hour," over Station WCRS, 1450 Kc., 9-9:30 a.m. each Sunday. F. L. Muller, pastor.

Lancaster, "The Sunshine Hour," over Station WRHI, Rock Hill, 1340 Kc., 2:00-2:30 p. m. each Sunday. L. R. Patterson, pastor.

Rock Hill, "Full Gospel Radio Hour," over tion WRHI, Rock Hill, 1340 Kc., 2:00-2:30 p. m. Sunday. J. L. McCoy, pastor.

"Early Morning Message Hour," each Sunday morning, 7:05-7:30. James T. Shealy, pastor. Church of God No. 2, Walhalla.

Charleston Church of God, over Station WFAK, 730 Kc., each Sunday, 9-9:30 a.m. EST. L. W. McIntyre, pastor.

"Zion's Call," over Station WFAK, 730 Kc., 7:30-8 a.m. J. A. Whitlow, pastor, N. Charleston.

"Gospel Faith Hour," over Station WESC, Greenville, 660 on your dial, and WFAK, Charleston, 730 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 7:30-8.

Walterboro Church of God, over Station WALD, 1490 on your dial, each Sunday, 9:30-10 a. m. L. J. Stone, pastor.

"The Sunday Morning Bright Spot," Florence, over Station WOLS, 1230 Kc., each Sunday, 8:05-8:20 a.m. W. Frank Smith, pastor.

TENNESSEE

N. Cleveland, over Station WBAC, Cleveland, 1340 Kc., Monday through Friday from 3:45-4 p.m., Friday night Youth Program 8-8:30 p.m., each Sunday from 9-9:30 a.m. James L. Slay, pastor.

South Cleveland, over Station WBAC, Cleveland, Tenn., 1340 Kc. Each week day, except Saturday, from 10:15-10:30 a. m. Each Sunday from the church from 11:45-12:15 p. m. J. A. Bixler, pastor.

"Fountain of Life" Program, Sweetwater Church of God, over Station WLAR, Athens, Tenn., 1450 Kc. Each Saturday morning, 11:30-12, EST. Clyde Caraway, pastor.

Elizabethton, over station WBET, 1:30 p. m., weekdays, 8:00-8:30 a. m., Sunday. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

Memphis, over Station WMPS, 7:30 a. m., Sunday. J. D. Free, pastor.

Cookeville, over Station WHUB, 9:00-9:30 a. m., Saturday. R. M. Strong, pastor.

East Chattanooga, over Station WAGC, 5:30-6:00 p. m. Saturday. James A. Cross, pastor.

Alton Park church, over WAPO, Chattanooga, 1:00-1:45 p. m. and 10:30-11:30 p. m., Saturday. J. D. Smith, pastor.

"The Word of God," over Station WAPO (FM) 5000 watt radio, 1150 on your dial, daily at 11:15 a. m. C.S.T. Albert H. Batts, pastor, N. Chattanooga.

Eighth Avenue Church of God, North Knoxville, over Station WIBK, 800 Kc., every Saturday, 8-8:15 a. m., and every Sunday, 12-12:30. C. J. Hindmon, pastor.

TEXAS

Church of God, Mineral Wells, over Station KORC, 1140 on your dial, each Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Ernest M. Smith, pastor.

VIRGINIA

Martinsville, over Station WMVA, each Saturday from 10:00-10:30 a. m. Rev. Fred Hopkins, pastor.

"Rock of Ages," Schoolfield Church of God, over Station WDVA, Danville, each Sunday, 8:30-9, EST. 5,000 watts, 1250 on your dial. Roy Douglas, pastor.

WASHINGTON

Longview, over Station KWLK, 1400 on your dial, each Sunday, 9-9:15 a. m. Clarke E. Goodman, pastor.

WEST VIRGINIA

War, over Station WBRW, Welch, W. Va. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30-3:00 p. m.; each Sunday 1:45-2:30 p. m. S. B. McCane, pastor.

"The Full Gospel," Church of God, Central Avenue, Oak Hill, over Station WOAY, 860 on the dial, each Saturday, 3:30-4 p.m. W. W. Snuffer, pastor.

THE LORD *Prepared His Disciples for the Baptism with the Holy Ghost*

Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer

THE MINISTRY OF JOHN

The whole world groped in spiritual darkness. The duration of the dreadful drouth from Malachi to John the Baptist was about four hundred years, during which time generations were born, lived, and died, knowing little of spiritual life.

John the Baptist was sent from God to prepare the way of the Lord. He led great multitudes from the darkness of night into the dawn of the gospel light, baptizing his disciples unto repentance, teaching them that another would come after him who would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Matthew 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

When Christ began His ministry, the people who sat in darkness saw great light, and to them who sat in the region and shadow of death light sprang up. Men and women were forgiven of their sins. All manner of sickness and diseases were healed, devils were cast out, blinded eyes were made to see again, the incurable lepers were cleansed, the dead brought back to life, and the plan of full redemption and the baptism with the Holy Spirit was revealed unto His called-out ones.

Christ's first demand of all men was to repent of their sins. During His more than three years of preaching, many thousands did repent and their names were written in heaven. From the great multitude of disciples He selected twelve men whom He called apostles. They were to be the leaders in the church that He declared He would build. These men lived very close to their Master, often sitting at His feet, listening to His instructions pertaining to the gospel that He was about to commit unto them. The gospel includes many features, but in this chapter we shall deal only with His instructions about the baptism with the Holy Ghost, with which they were afterwards to be baptized.

THE HOLY GHOST NOT YET GIVEN

John 7:37, 39, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" On the last day of the feast of the passover Jesus stood beholding the great throngs crowding Jerusalem. He cried, and invited the thirsty unto Him, offering them water to drink, living water, yes, and a bountiful supply, even rivers of water. He was speaking of the Holy Ghost that they who believed on Him should receive. At that time many thousands had been saved from their sins and had their names recorded in heaven, but the Holy Ghost had not yet been given.

"The Holy Ghost was not yet given" does not imply that He was not, or had not been in the world to do His work among men. The Holy Spirit has always had His work among men, but now Christ had come, and the whole plan for the salvation of men was to be changed. Before the law and under the law, religion was ceremonial and sacrificial—the offering of blood of innocent beasts for the sins of guilty men, which could never take away sins. But now the time was at hand that Christ should die, shed His own blood and perfect a new plan of salvation, cleansing man from all inward sin, sanctifying him wholly — soul, body, and spirit.

I Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Under the new and perfected plan of redemption, the human body is so washed, cleansed, swept, and garnished that it becomes a fit temple in which the Holy Ghost is pleased to dwell.

I Corinthians 6:19, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

The redemption is bought with a great price. The truly consecrated child of God has sold his soul, body, and spirit to God, and is no more his own; therefore, the Holy Ghost comes in to dwell from that time to the end of his life on earth.

The Holy Ghost was not yet given, "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive," and which they did receive on the day of Pentecost. Never before in the history of man had He (the Holy Spirit) come into man and taken up His abode, to speak, move, and guide man, and to give power, as He did during the great outpouring of the Spirit upon His devoted disciples as they tarried in the upper room of the Temple in Jerusalem, as He did throughout the history of the early Church, and as He does today in every nation under heaven.

THEIR LAST MEETING BEFORE HIS DEATH

Now let us listen to Jesus in the last meeting He had with His disciples before He suffered. They were in an upper room of a goodman's house in Jerusalem. It was on this occasion that He washed His disciples' feet, instituted the Lord's Supper, and gave much advice. John the beloved disciple devoted five chapters of his book (from the 13th to the 17th) to this one meeting. He knew the hour was near when He would be crucified, after which it was His Father's plan and promise that His people should be filled with the Holy Ghost; therefore, in this last meeting before He died, He gave to them further instructions about the Holy Ghost whom they were to receive.

THE HOLY GHOST TO BE RECEIVED AS A REWARD OF OBEDIENCE

John 14:15-17, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

As they sat around the table of the holy supper, Jesus spoke the above words, referring to the Holy Ghost as the Comforter, further calling Him the Spirit of truth. He promised His disciples that He would pray the Father to send Him, and assured them of His ever abiding with them.

The condition on which they could receive the Holy Spirit was, "Keep my commandments." To be awarded this blessing, they must be faithful and obedient. This statement is in accord with the words of St. Peter and the other apostles. As they were making their defense before the Sanhedrin Council in Jerusalem, they said, Acts 5:32, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him."

If the disciples had been disobedient to His commandments, they never would have received the Holy Ghost as they did on the day of Pentecost.

THE HOLY GHOST IS FOR SAVED MEN ONLY

The apostles were already saved men. Jesus told them that the Holy Ghost was with them; yes, with them, because they were converted men, had repented of their sins and had been baptized in water. They had also been preaching the gospel, healing the sick, and baptizing their converts. The Holy Spirit was with them as He is with all converted and saved men, but being with them was not enough, Jesus declared, "... and shall be in you." There is a difference in the Holy Ghost being with men and men being baptized with Him. He was with the apostles before the day of Pentecost, and on the day of Pentecost they were *filled* with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. They had never done this before.

The same John who quoted Jesus in the above statement, relative to the baptism with the Holy Ghost, also, quoted Him when Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus about conversion, or being saved from his sins, or as Jesus referred to the experience, "BORN of THE SPIRIT," or "BORN AGAIN." All the statements refer to a man being saved from his sins, or coming into spiritual life. Read carefully the following words of Jesus to unsaved Nicodemus. John 3:5-7, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." Jesus did not talk to Nicodemus about being filled with the Spirit, because he was an unconverted man. He talked to him about being born again.

The apostles were already converted, had their names written in heaven, and were fit candidates for the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Jesus, therefore, did not talk to them about repentance and the new birth, but about obedience and being filled with the Spirit.

Repentance and the new birth is for men who are of the world; the baptism with the Holy Ghost is for men who are not of the world, as the disciples were not of the world, because Jesus had called and saved them from the world. They were devout men and their next move was to wait upon God for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus continued His talk to the disciples, speaking very earnestly about their relationship with Him and His Father. As He spoke, He was interrupted by Judas (not Iscariot) with the question, "Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?" Jesus was pouring out His very soul to them, because they were not of the world. If they had been of the world, He would have been preaching and demanding repentance; but He was giving them His last instruction before He suffered. Here He seemed to pause and turn a little from the course of conversation, saying, "These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you." In the next verse He proceeds to explain some of the benefits that they may expect after the Comforter is come to them.

HE TALKS TO THEM FURTHER ABOUT THE FUTURE EXPERIENCE

John 14:26, "But the Comforter,

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which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Lord did not expect His disciples to remember everything that He told them, but since they were to be partakers of the Holy Ghost not many days hence, as He said, "Whom the Father will send in my name," you can depend on Him to bring all things to your remembrance.

He was still talking to those good men who had often sat at His feet during the past three years and whom He had sent out to preach the gospel, heal the sick, and cast out devils. Having power over unclean spirits and their names written in heaven was not enough. There was yet another experience that was important: they must receive the Holy Ghost.

John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."

John 16:7, 8, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you unto all truth: for he shall not

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

QUARTERLY MEETING AND CONVENTION, BARBADOS, B.W.I.

Dear Church of God Family: It gives me much pleasure to send you a report of our quarterly meeting and convention, which convened January 11-18, inclusive. These meetings were a time long to be remembered. God was present in power. I am sorry that some of our brethren from the U.S.A. could not have been with us from the beginning throughout.

The quarterly meeting on Sunday, January 11, was among the best our church has ever had. The day's services commenced with a baptismal service at 8 a.m., when a large crowd gathered to witness 58 believers follow their Lord in water baptism. From the beach we went to the steel shed in the Queen's Park, where over 1,400 of our dear people met to worship and praise our God. After singing, prayer, and the reading of a psalm, we had the reports of 30 of our Assemblies. The reports were very encouraging, showing that 247 had come to our altars seeking salvation, 217 seeking the blessing of a clean heart, 28 believers in our tarrying meetings had received the Holy Ghost, and 58 were added to the Church.

The island overseer brought a message on "The Pastor's Responsibility to the Church, and the Church's Responsibility to the Pastor." The day's services closed about 3:15, with 40 seekers at the altar.

The convention opened on Monday, January 12, with a prayer meeting at the Bank Hall church, also midday services. These continued throughout the week, with night services at the steel shed. Our ministers who spoke were at their best, and the shed was well filled each night.

Bishop J. Stewart Brinsfield, our Executive Missions Secretary, was with us from Friday till the end of the convention. Friday was a rainy day and the crowd was not so large, but the service closed with four seekers at the altar. Saturday we went with Bishop Brinsifeld to see the new Crab Hill church and the Jackman's Building, in the morning; the afternoon was given over to ministers' business meetings, presided over by our representative from Headquarters, which will greatly help us in the days to come. Sunday, the 18th, was the great day of the feast, with services in the park all day. At 10:30 a.m., Bishop J. Stewart Brinsfield brought a powerful message which blessed us all, and closed with 25 seekers at the altar. At 3 p.m., we had a very fine young people's program, which was greatly enjoyed. At the night service, the steel shed was filled to overflowing, with hundreds unable to get in, there being over 2,000 present. Bishop Brinsfield brought a very powerful message, which was enjoyed, and many were the regrets that the convention could not continue.

We surely did enjoy the short visit of our representative from Headquarters, and trust that if Jesus tarries and we are still alive, that someone will be able to come, and remain right to the end of our convention. During the quarterly meeting and convention, 109 came to our altar seeking help from the Lord.—J. B. Winter, Island Overseer.

San Nicolas, I.N.
Philippines
January 14, 1948

Rev. J. S. Brinsfield
2502 Montgomery Avenue
Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A.

Dear Brother Brinsfield:

As January rolls around, it seems that God has also been doing something for us to make us happier in Him for the effort and sacrifice that is being made for the cause of lost souls. One worker came to me twice with good news that souls were being baptized in water, making the forward step in following after Jesus, and that the meetings are fine.

Another worker from Cagayan called in and said they, too, have baptized some in water, the Holy Ghost is also being poured out in their midst; two have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, the fire is burning in their souls, and they are having wonderful meetings.

Some churches are having a struggle, while others are going over the top for Jesus. Victory is ours and we praise God for it. We are on the forward move.

The storms that we have been having here in these parts of the world have caused some damages to our church property. One church was completely blown down. The brethren are working hard to fix it up again. Some more new materials will be needed before it can be completed.

Our brethren in Jones Isabela write that they are ready to erect their new church. All that seems to be holding up the work is some money to pay the sawyers, carpenters, etc. They suffered the loss of their church during the war when it was struck by a bomb.

Our churches all had their Christmas programs and each one is still bragging about the wonderful time they had. They kept me busy at that time, for I had to be their speaker and I surely counted it a joy to tell to the large crowds the wonderful story of the Saviour who came to save us from our sins. It did my soul good to see so many Christians, who have been saved and now are bright and shining lights in this dark land of sin.

New Year's night is a blessed remembrance, also, when one dear brother related the beautiful vision he had of the new Jerusalem. He had just come down to meeting, all prayed up, with glory in his soul, and during this meeting he received the vision. That little church here in Payas, San Nicolas, is always on fire. If ever there was a Pentecostal church here, this is one.

I and my native worker had been visiting and we happened to be in a place where two young men were home from school because of sickness. They were very nice and friendly and invited us to come into their house. So we did, and after some time

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REVIVALS

CAWOOD, Ky.—We have just closed a great revival here in Cawood, with Rev. F. R. Harrowood as the evangelist. The Lord blessed souls and saved wonderfully. We have just finished our beautiful new church, by the help of the Lord and our good pastor, Rev. B. H. Enix. We are striving to get lost souls to God and let our light shine until Jesus calls us home to glory.

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CRISFIELD, Md.—We are having a wonderful revival here at Crisfield, with Rev. E. T. Gregory doing the preaching. So far, ten have been saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. The church has been greatly blessed in every way and we are looking forward to greater things in the coming nights of the revival.—W. T. Morefield.

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CHERAW, S. C.—We wish to report a very successful revival which recently closed, at the Cheraw Church of God, conducted by Brother Fred Rowe, of Clinton, South Carolina, who did some good old-time holiness gospel preaching. There were ten saved, three sanctified, and six added to the church. Brother Rowe will be a blessing to any church. We hope to have him to conduct another revival for us sometime. Pray for us here at Cheraw.—J. A. Graham, superintendent of Sunday School.

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UNIONTOWN, Pa.—We have just closed a three weeks' meeting at the Uniontown church. This is a rural church with most of our people coming by automobile or bus. This, coupled with the fact that we received our share of the below-zero weather, makes one know that God was with us in every service. The interest was beyond all expectation. As our evangelist, Joseph Shirk, held the attention of his hearers with a unique ministry of illustrative preaching, the Holy Ghost was gripping the hearts of many. There were twelve saved, three filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. These are not startling figures, but the church will reap much good as a result of sound preaching done by the evangelist. We have doubled in every department of the church in the last few months.—G. E. Poplin, pastor.

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OAKDALE, Ala.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival, which was the first to be held in our new church. It was conducted by Sister Doris Wilson. Seven were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Wilson preached nightly under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We praise God for the wonderful way other churches cooperated. We shall always remember this as one of our best revivals.

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GUMM SPRINGS, S. C.—I should like to pass on the wonderful news about the revival we have just closed, and let everyone know how God did bless. Rev. J. L. Jenkins did some wonderful preaching and we know God was in every message. There were twenty-two saved, eleven sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. We desire your prayers that God will bless us.—Harlen Brouten, pastor.

There is never more room at the top than there is at the bottom, but there will always be room at the top for those who will go to the bottom.

REQUESTS... *for Prayer*

Pray for:

Some special unspoken requests.—Elsie Caredill, Pulaski, Va.

My brother to be healed of T. B.; the salvation of his soul.—A Christian friend.

My sister and her son to be saved; him to be healed of T. B.; the healing of my legs and ankles.—W. A. Campbell, Greenville, S. C.

God to heal my husband of indigestion and stomach trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Grant, Greenville, South Carolina.

My husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Elsie Lee Ferguson, Hixson, Tenn.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; an unspoken request.—A believer.

My family to be healed; the healing of my body; an unspoken request.—Mrs. George McCall.

My husband to be delivered from the drink habit.—A sister.

My loved ones to be saved; my sister to be healed.—Mrs. Garfield Williams, Lenoir, N. C.

My mother, Mrs. Belle Moore, Oklahoma City, Okla., Rt. 9, Box 395, who had a stroke over three years ago and has to be cared for like a baby; my sister, Miss Alice Moore, who is waiting on my mother and is at the point of a nervous breakdown. Prayer is urgently needed, also encouragement.

An urgent need of healing of ulcers, that the Lord's will may be done.—Floyd M. Hicks, Elk Garden, W. Va.

My little son to be healed of stomach trouble; my faith is weak and I need your prayers.—Mrs. Hattie Williamson, Mullins, S. C.

Mr. Gallups, as it seems his nerves have collapsed since the shock of our only son's death. He suffers with his head and nerves. He is pastoring the church at Helican, Ala.—Mrs. R. M. Gallups, Arley, Ala. Rt. 1.

Our daughter to be healed.—Mrs. Mary Maples, Middlesboro, Ky.

My loved ones to be saved; the complete healing of my body.—Sarah Thompson, Corbin, Ky.

Some friends to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; Riffie Stephens to be healed; the healing of my body; my unsaved children.—Mrs. W. O. Tucker, Whittle, Ky.

My husband to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost; him to be healed; my children to be saved; me.—Mrs. W. F. Guthrie, Travelers Rest, S. C.

My husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—A reader.

The complete healing of my body; two special unspoken requests.—A sister.

An unspoken request; my brother and his wife; me.—A reader.

My baby to be healed of a cold; my lost loved ones; God to heal me of rheumatism.—Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Cragford, Ala.

My husband's leg to be healed; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Viola Cantrell, Heflin, Ala.

My loved ones; me to be able to go to church.—Essie Turner, Vaucluse, S. C.

God to heal me of a hurting in my back and head.—Ida Sprouse, Bellburn, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—W. C. Hartgrove, Austin, Texas.

God to heal my head.—J. A. Trimm, Calhoun, Ga.

My sons to be delivered from the drink habit and saved; me and my daughters to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. J. S. Greene, Abilene, Va.

A backslider to get back to the Lord; the healing of my body.—A reader.

God to heal my body.—Mrs. Buler Nations, Alarka, N. C.

God to heal me of heart trouble.—Mrs. A. J. Burton, Mountain City, Ga.

Me to be healed of something like a tumor; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Josie Leopard, Newberry, S. C.

An unspoken request.—A reader.

The healing of my body.—Helen Parkam, Spartanburg, S. C.

Nettie Dowling to be healed of cancer.—A reader.

My family; God to heal my body.—A sister, Chattanooga, Tenn.

God to heal me of an ulcer on my hand.—Ralph Boswell, Heflin, Ala.

My brother-in-law to be saved and healed of cancer.—Mrs. R. L. Huffsteller, Winston-Salem, N. C.

A friend of mine to be healed of heart trouble.—Mrs. Hershel Johnson, Brockdell, Tenn.

My daughter and her children.—Mrs. J. O. Duncan, Norcross, Georgia.

My loved ones; the healing of my body; an unspoken request.—A sister, Mayodan, N. C.

The healing of my body; my daughter to be healed.—Mrs. Rebecca Ragsdale, Sumiton, Ala.

The complete healing of my body.—Maggie Sheppard, Atlanta, Ga.

A special unspoken request.—Mrs. Evalyne Wigginton, Palestine, Texas.

My family to be healed of the flu.—Mrs. L. B. Valentine, Oak Grove, La.

Me.—Allie Hall, Charleston, S. C.

God to heal me of a severe cold and cough; my daughter to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Zella Adcock, Adairsville, Ga.

God to heal my boy who is a cripple; my husband to be saved; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Dewey King, Trosper, Ky.

God to heal my body; me to be able to keep my home together.—Earl Dishman, Excello, Ohio.

Mrs. Lucille Smith to be healed of T. B.; me to be healed of heart trouble; my son.—Mrs. Maymie Gertz, Logan, W. Va.

A. D. Edmonds and his family to be healed.

Reports FROM THE FIELD

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Sunday School and Church Blessed

Dear Brother Walker:

I thank you so much for your letter to our clerk telling him about Mr. G. M. Carroll, 1432 West Congress. However, I had already gotten in touch with them. They were out to Sunday School. We broke an all-time record Sunday. The Lord has blessed the church, for which we praise Him. We came here in July and nine have been saved and eleven have joined the church. The Lord is sending out new folks all the time. I trust the Lord is blessing you in your work. We are praying for you and your family and your work. — J. M. Foshee, Chicago, Illinois.

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Every Service Like a Revival

PARKERSBURG, W. Va.—We are praising God for the way our church is growing. We are also praising God for our dear pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. H. Hungate. They are real workers for the Lord and have won the hearts of everyone here. We feel like God has truly sent them to us. In the first four weeks they were here, there were twenty-eight saved, four sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. There were eleven baptized in water and ten added to the church, so you can see that God is blessing wonderfully. Every service we are in is like a revival, with souls finding the Lord almost every night. How we praise God for it all! Pray for us here at Parkersburg that we will stay where God can use us and our church will continue to be on fire for God.—Irene Richard.

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Nice Church in Rosemond, Calif.

I just wanted to say hello to all our brothers and sisters in the Church of God. Seven years ago, we left Oklahoma and came to California. We found no Church of God here, so we worshipped at an Assembly of God church until this year when we heard they were having a successful revival about nine miles north of Lancaster, at a town called Rosemond. Being hungry for the Word of God, we decided to go to Rosemond. When we went to church, Brother Combs came and spoke to us, and my husband asked him who was holding the revival. He told him Brother and Sister Cook. We asked him what belief they were and he said Church of God. Praise the Lord, we still have the blessing, and we have a nice church in the town of Rosemond, California. Pray much for our church and for us. We need your prayers.—Mrs. Bill Wade, Lancaster, California.

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Mission Week at Lee College, December 1-7

Mission week has come and gone. Long may the memory of it lie near and dear to our hearts. A reconsecration to God, a broader view of missions open to us, and the call of new missionaries were the results.

I wish to mention the pictures, costumes, and relics from the fields, which were displayed in the lobby of the Auditorium. These gave us information of the fields, especially at the different points where the missionaries are stationed. The arrows on the map reminded me of the bright rays of the star of Bethlehem as they spread in all directions in this dark and sinful world. The only light and hope for the people of the earth is "the Christ of Calvary."

I shall never forget our prayer circle. As we girls were kneeling in the prayer room, with hands joined, it reminded me that we were circling the globe with our prayers. Some of us have turned our hearts and faces away from the homeland and are looking to the regions beyond, where we shall some day work for the Lord.

The Sunday morning service was a memorial service, in honor of three of our deceased but not forgotten missionaries—Brothers Furman, Stark and Pitt. It seemed more like a dedicatory service to us. As we were kneeling with our backs to the flowers, our hearts were saying to each of those who had passed on, "We grasp the torch that your feeble hands have dropped, and carry on for Christ while you sleep on and take your rest."—Nadyne Clouse.

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Laurens District Youth Rally

Among the Churches of God in South Carolina, a new district has recently been formed, known as the "Laurens District," made up of the following churches: Laurens, Whitmire, Newberry, Clinton, Enoree, and Fountain Inn.

We, the young people of this district, had our first Youth for Christ rally on Sunday, January 11, 1948, at the Church of God in Clinton, where Rev. Walton is pastor. Brother J. H. Osborne, of Whitmire, our district youth director, was in charge of the service and was really at his best. Each church was well represented, with each pastor, Sunday School superintendent, Y. P. E. president, and most of the Sunday School teachers and Y. P. E. officers present. The reports, of both the Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s from over the district, were splendid. These reports made us feel we have one of the greatest districts in the State. Brother Osborne asked each church to put forth a special effort to start a Home Extension Department for their Sunday School before our next rally, at Newberry Church of God, Sunday, February 8. Music was rendered by the Laurens Church of God band during the services with special singers from the different churches taking part. To say we had a wonderful meeting would be putting it mild, for the Holy Ghost took charge and two were gloriously saved. The church was filled to its capacity, with all getting a blessing. I know everyone is looking forward for the next rally.—Eva Mae Hanvey, reporter.

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Testimonies

Wonderfully Healed of T.B.

I thank God for full and free salvation. I can never thank Him enough for what He means to me. I want to praise Him more and more each day I live. About three months ago, the Lord healed me of T.B. After the doctor said that I had T.B., a revival started at Union Grove Church of God, with Rev. Hubert Norris as the evangelist. I went to the altar for prayer on Monday night. I didn't get healed that night, so I went again on Wednesday night. The saints of God got me on their hearts and began praying for me. They prayed for me the third time that night. The last time, the power of God came down in a wonderful way and healed my body, for which I am giving God all the praise. I do love my Savior above everything in the world. I was sent to Battery State Hospital in Rome, Georgia, but stayed only one month and two days. The Lord healed me before I went. The doctors studied my case and said I had no sign of T.B. I'm glad I went, to prove to some people, who don't believe in divine healing, that I was healed.

I ask every saint of God everywhere to pray for me to stand true and be a soul winner for Jesus. I thank God, too, for our good pastor, Rev. J. E. Davis, and his family. They have been a wonderful blessing to our church and Sunday School.—Miss Flora Pitts, Tifton, Ga.

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Healed of Pneumonia

TAMPA, Fla. — I count it a grand and glorious privilege to be able to give my testimony for the glory of God.

I was very ill last Saturday afternoon, January 3, with pneumonia, and by that night was in a serious condition. It seemed as though I would choke to death. Father and several saints prayed for me and, thank God, about 8:30 Sunday morning relief came, and I have been improving ever since. I desire your prayers that I will do God's will at all times. I intend to trust Him through the rest of my days. I am only a young woman of nineteen years, and if God tarries, I should have a long time to tell everyone of this great blessing.—Mrs. A. P. Baldree, Jr.

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Healed of Asthma and T.B.

I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I am so glad that about fifteen years ago He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Soon after I was saved the Church of God people prayed for me, and God healed me of asthma. Three years ago I was healed of T.B. I am so thankful for a God who heals and answers prayer. —Mrs. Bertha Bangert.

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We Must Keep Going

When I started in this Christian race, I had a vision of heaven in mind. I saw, as from a hilltop, a certain long road to be traveled, and at the end of the road was the reward of a true Christian. I shall never let that vision fade, even if at times along the road the going gets rough, if there are deep ravines to cross, steps to climb, and rivers to ford which seem impossible. The goal remains just where it was and what it was. It is there to be attained and can be attained. We have only to keep going.

I am a little thing with a big meaning. I help everybody. I unlock doors, open hearts, do away with prejudices. I create friendship and good will. I inspire respect and admiration and good will. I inspire respecting everybody and everybody loves me. I bore nobody. I violate no law. I cost nothing. Many have praised me and none have condemned me. I am pleasing to everyone and am useful every moment of the day. I am COURTESY.—Mary E. Curtis.

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Very Happy Since Being Saved

Before I was saved I had always been mean and upset. The shows I went to at first I liked, but finally I became dissatisfied. They ruined my eyes, so that now I have to wear glasses.

We came from Kansas to Washington in June, 1947. We worked in the fruit harvest. After it was over we moved out to a packing shed next door to Brother and Sister Henry Kiehn. It seemed, when we moved here, that I wouldn't like to live here, but now I love it. Sister Kiehn is wonderful. She kept asking me to go to church. I wanted to go, but I dreaded meeting the people. One Sunday night I was at her house and she asked me to go. It seemed that something was pulling me, so I went, and ever since that night I've been going and intend to keep going. That night the preacher, Brother Orville Taylor, gave the altar call. I went up and found Jesus. I wasn't afraid of people seeing me. I had only one purpose in mind and that was to be saved. I did get saved and have been very, very happy ever since. I don't miss the shows I used to go to before I was saved. I am satisfied now. Sometimes the devil tempts me to go to a show when I see a movie magazine, or anything that has to do with a movie. Something seems to say, "Go on, go on," but I say to him, "Get away from me, Satan. I have no room for you. Jesus is in my heart now." I know that if I do what Satan says, sometime I would wind up in hell and while I would be burning he would be laughing at me.

I'm trying to get my family saved. My sister promised she would go next Sunday, and in my heart I'm rejoicing. Glory to God! I know that some day all of my family will be saved. I am very happy now because I am under God's wings.—Della Love Unruh.

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Faithful Praying Brings Results

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark.—I am glad I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. I prayed seventeen years for God to send a Church of God preacher here and He did. Rev. Dearl Froud and family were sent here about two years ago and we have a nice church, for which I truly praise God. We just closed a revival with wonderful success. Pray for me that I will always do the will of God.—Mary E. Gammon.

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OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

REV. LEWIS T. WALDEN

On Monday, February 2, at 2:45 p.m., God, in His kind and all-wise providence, sent Rev. Lewis T. Walden on to the "place of just men made perfect."

Brother Walden passed his seventieth birthday in December, 1947. He had been a licensed minister of the Church of God for twenty-seven years, and had the distinction of being evangelist number 399. For many years Brother Walden did quite a bit of preaching and his influence was a blessing in many places to many people. Not only was he a licensed minister, but he was a very faithful member of the Alabama City Church of God for years and will be missed by this membership and his pastor very much. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Katie Walden, one of our most faithful members; one son, George W. Walden; and three daughters, Mrs. R. G. Findley, Mrs. Thomas L. Wilson, and Mrs. B. L. Brooks; fifteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor and Reverends A. L. Burroughs and W. J. Shoemaker. The kind of songs and singing he had enjoyed hearing so much were rendered by Brother and Sister Dave Cornutt and Sisters Jimmie Rickles and W. J. MacKey. The lovely floral offerings and the large congregation present showed that he had left many friends here. We know that he has joined many friends where sickness and separation never come.—J. D. Bright.

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REV. C. A. CULPEPPER

Rev. C. A. Culpepper, sixty-six years of age, died December 19, 1947, near Lake Park, Georgia, at his home. Rev. A. V. Beaube, state overseer of Georgia, was in charge of the funeral services.

Brother Culpepper received the Holy Ghost in 1910, was a minister in the Church of God for thirty-two years, serving largely as district overseer. He has joined one daughter in glory, Pearl Martin. He leaves his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Allie Garner, of Newborn, North Carolina; two sons, Rev. R. P. Culpepper, of Mayo, Florida, pastor of the Church of God at Alton, and S. W. Culpepper, of Hazlehurst, Georgia.

Our loss of Brother Culpepper was certainly heaven's gain. To know him was to love and appreciate him, for he was a real Christian soldier and a pattern of good works. During his four or five weeks of suffering, we visited him a number of times, finding him always patient and kind, with his mind set toward heaven like a flint, and a firm determination to trust God to the end—which he did. This was his custom since he became a child of God. In his home, we saw a Bible father and husband. Pray for his family, that God will truly comfort them in this time of grief. —J. A. Clements.

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MOORE

Joe Amos Moore, twenty, who served nineteen months in the United States Army, lost his life in a car wreck at Bakersfield, California, on November 12, 1947. He had served one year in Germany and received his discharge in March. Our loss is heaven's gain. We miss him so much, for we loved him dearly. — Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, his parents.

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FEE

At 3 a.m., January 8, the death angel took my darling daughter, Lorena, after a few days' illness. She gave her heart and life to God when she was twelve years old, and had been a member of the Bristol Church of God for over sixteen years. She was never strong physically, and her patience and faith were the inspiration of our home. She asked prayer for a special unspoken request in every service. I desire your prayers for this request which, I am sure, was for her unsaved father and sister.—Her mother, Mrs. Anna Fee.

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CALLISON

Ruth Elzada Callison, born March 18, 1870, Clay County, West Virginia, departed this life January 18, 1948, at the age of seventy-seven years and ten months. She is survived by one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Callison, La Frank, West Virginia; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Floyd Cart, of Widen, W. Va., and Bert, of Strange Creek, W. Va.; one sister, Flora McCoy, of Duck, W. Va.; and a host of friends and other relatives. She was a loyal member of the Church of God at La Frank, W. Va., for several years and will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. R. Speck.

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HESS

After much suffering, the death angel called Sister Everett Hess home. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Abbs Valley, Virginia. She is missed by her husband, family and the church. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, J. M. Snyder, and interment in the church cemetery.

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STANLEY

The death angel, on January 13, called Sister Arvila Stanley home. She was a faithful member of the Church

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speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you all things to come."

All the words in the three quotations above were spoken by Jesus, in the room of the holy supper, to His disciples. He was still impressing upon them the importance of the Holy Ghost. We shall list seven things that the disciples expected the Holy Ghost to be to them, according to the words of their own Master.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

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of conversation about the Lord and the Bible, we asked them if they would like to be prayed for and they consented at once. Prayer was offered for their healing. A few weeks later we heard that they both were well again and the one fellow who had been at home over a month because of serious illness, went to another town to give an offering to the Black Christ of Burgos. He put himself to a lot of expense, we received no thanks and our Christ was not in their minds. There is plenty of superstition here.

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FAITH

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a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. FOR NOW WE SEE THROUGH A GLASS, DARKLY; BUT THEN FACE TO FACE: NOW I KNOW IN PART; BUT THEN SHALL I KNOW EVEN AS ALSO I AM KNOWN. And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love," 1 Corinthians 13:7-13.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us hold fast to our faith. "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith," Heb. 10:36-38a.

OBITUARIES

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of God at Abbs Valley, Virginia, and will be missed by the church, her husband and her family. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, J. M. Snyder; interment in the church cemetery.

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MURRAY

The death angel came and took Sister John Murray home. She was a charter member of the Church of God at Abbs Valley, Virginia. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, J. M. Snyder.

HORNE

It was our loss and heaven's gain Friday, January 23, when the death angel visited Sister Sallie Horne and took her to glory. She was a member of the Church of God for twenty years. She leaves her husband, three brothers, three sisters, five children, and a number of grandchildren. It is very doubtful that Sister Horne had an enemy except old Satan himself. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Elgin Richardson, of Rome. She was the first to be buried at our new church.—Mack Newton, reporter.

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WILSON

Sister Wilson, wife of R. L. Wilson, Fyffe, Alabama, departed this life December 15, 1947, to begin a new life in her eternal home of bliss and glory with all the redeemed who have gone on before. To me she was one of the most perfect saints, housekeepers, wives and mothers I was ever privileged to meet. She had the baptism of the Holy Ghost for more than thirty years, and trusted the Lord for the healing of her body until the end. —Dora Griffith.

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ATTICK

Miss Susan Attick, age seventy-five, passed away January 24, and went to be with the Lord. She was faithful to the Lord and faithful to the Church of God at Highspire. She was loved by all who knew her.—Paul Schmidt, Highspire, Pa.

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